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Subject: **Continuation Application of:**

Serial No. 09/989,802	11/20/01
S.L. Shue, M.Y. Wang, & C.H. Yu	
"Improved sidewall coverage for copper damascene filling"	
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

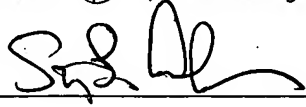
Dear Sir:

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